

100 MEN ARE TRAPPED IN A MINE WRECK

"Dust" Explosion Believed to Have Sent Victims to Death.

FIRE STOPS RESCUE

Wives and Children Gather at Entrances in Frantic Efforts to Reach Prisoners.

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—A "dust" explosion in the main mine of the Cross Mountain system, near Briceville, early today, entombed about 100 miners, who had just entered for the day's toll. Rescue parties immediately were organized and at 1 o'clock gangs of miners from other "works" in the district had gone into the main Cross Mountain mine by three entrances.

BRINGS THROGS OF WOMEN.
News of the explosion brought throngs of women and children to the mine entrances. They clamored to be allowed to make their way inside to aid in the rescue. One woman who had gathered others about her attempted to cheer her weeping sisters. "I know my old man ain't dead," she asserted. "It will take more than a dust explosion to kill him."

FLAMES CHECK RESCUE.
Rescue work was checked before 11 o'clock. Flames belched from the openings and the rescue parties were forced back. Hope for the imprisoned miners dwindled almost to despair.

Rescuers say they advanced one mile into the mine, but had discovered no signs of men. The number of men entombed now is variously estimated from one hundred and twenty-five to two hundred and sixty-eight. Of these only three so far escaped. They were in one of the latest shafts at the time of the explosion. Warned by the blast's rumble, they escaped before overtaken by flames. On account of a cave-in, smoke and flames, it is impossible for the rescuers to proceed into the mine. They must await the coming of a federal rescuing apparatus due here at 1 o'clock.

HAS STORMY HISTORY.
Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—Briceville, where the mine explosion occurred this morning, has had a stormy history. It was the scene in the early 90's of rioting when the miners rebelled against working with convicts leased by the state. Troops were necessary to quell the trouble.

200 KILLED IN 1902.
At Coal Creek, near Briceville, May 19, 1902, 200 men were killed in the Fraterville mine explosion. There are several big mines at Briceville known as, the Cross Mountain system. It was in one of these the explosion occurred this morning. Special trains carrying rescuers were sent from Knoxville this forenoon to the scene of the disaster.

MILWAUKEE MAN IS KILLED; A MYSTERY

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 9.—Stephen Berge was shot and killed by an unknown person today at his home in the outskirts of Milwaukee. It is believed robbery was the motive. John Nagel, arrested in connection with the death of Berge, according to the police, admits having quarreled with Berge, but denies the shooting. A revolver was found on Nagel and four empty shells were found at the Berge residence.

BROTHER OF J. WHITCOMB RILEY DIES IN INDIANA

Greensfield, Ind., Dec. 9.—John A. Riley, only brother of James Whitcomb Riley, died of heart failure in this city. Mr. Riley was a man of high literary attainments and some of his writings compare favorably with those of his distinguished brother. He was an active member of the Presbyterian church and a republican in politics, having been a candidate for representative two years ago. Mr. Riley was 67 years old and was the son of Reuben A. Riley. He leaves a widow.

Dr. Elliot Under Knife.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 9.—A dispatch was received here today stating President Emeritus Elliot of Harvard was operated upon for appendicitis at Kandy, Ceylon, today. The dispatch stated the operation was successful, and a quick recovery is anticipated.

Mrs. Vermilya Stricken.
Chicago, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Vermilya, charged with poisoning Policeman Bissanette and suspected of poisoning nine others, today was stricken with paralysis. Her condition is critical.

The Weather

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline, and Vicinity.

Unsettled weather tonight and Sunday, with rain, moderate temperature.

The lowest temperature tonight will be above the freezing point.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 40; highest yesterday, 53; lowest last night, 40.

Velocity of wind, calm.

Precipitation, none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 90; at 7 a. m., 99.

Stage of water, 3.4, a rise of .4 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.)
Sun sets 4:29, rises 7:10; moon rises 8:27 p. m.; planet Mercury seen after sunset.

DICK TO DICK CASE OFFICIALLY CLOSED

Washington, Dec. 9.—A formal report to the house today from the committee on expenditures of the interior department dismisses from congressional consideration the Controller bay charges, the keynotes of which was the widely quoted "Dick to Dick" letter and accusation that Richard S. Ryan was acquiring a monopoly of valuable Alaska harbor rights.

Burke of South Dakota presented a resolution for a continuance, so as to hear evidence as to the authenticity of the "Dick to Dick" letter. Republicans insisted no such letter existed. Burke's resolution declared the affair an infamous attack and "a vicious assault" on the president. The resolution was defeated by a party vote, but the minority was given five days to make a report.

Senators Cummins and Kenyon and the republican congressmen from Iowa today called on the president and recommended the appointment to the supreme bench of Justice Deemer of Iowa to succeed the late Justice Harlan.

Called before the sugar investigating committee today, former Governor Buchtel of Colorado vigorously denied conditions approaching peonage existed in the sugar beet fields of Colorado, as testified yesterday by James Bodkin.

TO KILL SCALPING WORLD'S SERIES

New York, Dec. 9.—The National baseball commission will meet here next Monday, and will consider, among other matters, the minor league situation, changes in world's series plans, syndicate baseball, New York world's series ticket scandal and betting, revision of the draft price and the rights of class "A.A." leagues on circuits of lower rating, enforcement of a strict roster limit for major league clubs, and limiting the drafting and purchase of players. The commission will discuss a proposition to limit the price of world's series games to the general price that prevailed during the season. It also will consider a proposition to begin the world's championship battle next year as early as Oct. 7.

WIRE BUSINESS IS STALLED BY A FOG

Chicago, Dec. 9.—A thick blanket fog extending from the head of Lake Michigan south to Springfield, Ill., and from the Mississippi river to Fort Wayne, Ind., tied up telegraphic and telephone traffic today. Chicago streets were in midnight darkness until after sunrise.

YOUNG & M'COMBS OFFER SOUTHERN BUS SERVICE

Young & McCombs today announced an innovation that doubtless will be appreciated by patrons of the Rock Island Southern. During the holiday season, beginning next Monday, the firm will establish a bus service between its store and the Southern terminal at First street and Fourth avenue. Every train will be met during the day and passengers will be carried both ways free of charge.

After Filibusters.
New Orleans, La., Dec. 9.—The revenue cutter Davey was hurriedly dispatched from New Orleans last night to search for a filibustering expedition, said to be aimed at the Mexican government.

Sanford Convicted.
Portland, Maine, Dec. 9.—Rev. Frank W. Sanford, leader of the Holy Ghost and United States society, today was convicted of causing the death of six persons on board the yacht Coronet. He will be sentenced Dec. 15.

Yesterday in Congress

SENATE.

Not in session. Meets Monday at 2 p. m. Lorimer senatorial investigation continued with witnesses for the defense.

HOUSE.

Met at noon. Beet sugar farmers subpoenaed by sugar trust committee to refute testimony of peonage in Colorado. Representative Moon of Pennsylvania denounced reports he had a "near flat fight" with Representative Thomas of Kentucky. Bill for grain annual tobacco census passed. General service pension bill debated. Action on service pension bill deferred. Adjourned at 5:35 p. m. until noon Saturday.

ALL OR NONE



PACKERS TRY TO FIX JURY?

Malta Venireman Makes a Startling Charge in Chicago Court.

HIS OPINION SOUGHT

Judge Carpenter Sends Deputy to Apprehend Mysterious Agent.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—M. B. Veale of Malta, Ill., a venireman in the packers' case, startled the attorneys for both sides when he said today he had been approached by a man who said he was from Springfield, Ill., and asked what opinion he had formed of the case.

"Did he approach any other veniremen?" asked Judge Carpenter.

Veale was unable to say, and Judge Carpenter ordered a deputy to try to find the Springfield man. Veale was excused for cause.

MAY NOT AFFECT CASE.
It developed the man who talked with Veale was another venireman, and while the incident attracted much attention it was said it might not affect the case. There was an intimation, however, of a possibility the venire might be dismissed and another summoned, though this did not receive official attention, six jurors had been accepted tentatively by both sides when adjournment was taken until Monday.

CLAIMS HARVESTER BRIBE OFFER.
Washington, Dec. 9.—Maxwell Edgar, a Chicago lawyer, who in 1907 led a legal fight to force the International Harvester company to pay more taxes, testified today before the Lorimer committee that he had been offered \$10,000 to desert. He said the offer was made by a Chicago lawyer named Tene, who claimed to represent Clarence S. Darrow and Edgar A. Bancroft, the latter an attorney for the company.

BASIS OF LORIMER CHARGE.
The fight culminated, Edgar said, in a big increase in the taxes of the McCormick family's Harvester stock. Edgar's testimony caused a lively fight over its admissibility. The committee adjourned to Monday to decide the question. Haney declared, if allowed to introduce the testimony, he would show the tax matter was the basis of the charges of corruption against Lorimer.

HEARD IT BEFORE.
Los Angeles, Dec. 9.—"Edgar made that charge frequently before," said Clarence S. Darrow when shown the report from Washington. "There is nothing at all to it. It is irresponsible."

Newlands Elected President.
Chicago, Dec. 9.—Salt Lake City today was unanimously chosen for the next national irrigation congress. Senator Newlands of Nevada was elected president.

LILLIAN BELL IN BREAK WITH HUB

Author, However, Declares She Will Not Seek Divorce Decree.

HER WRITINGS CYNICAL

"My Star Under 35 Is Stupid," She Says—Weds One Seven Years Her Junior.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Lillian Bell Bogue, the author, and her wealthy young husband have separated. Last evening at the home of her father, Major W. W. Bell, at 3930 Lake avenue, Mrs. Bogue acknowledged that the reports of her separation from her husband are true, but that at present she has not taken steps toward securing a divorce, or even considering it. She would not say where her small daughter is, but acknowledged that she was not in Chicago. It was several years ago that Lillian Bell wrote cynical and very severe criticisms of husbands in general. "Any man under 35 is stupid and impossible as a husband," she wrote, and immediately afterward she married a young Princeton graduate, Arthur Holt Bogue, just seven years younger than herself. She was 36 at the time. Some one asked her at the wedding if she still thought young husbands were impossible and she laughingly replied that she "wrote about other people's sweethearts, not about her own."

INTENDS TO TRAVEL.
"I am going to stay in Chicago until after the holidays," Mrs. Bogue announced, "visiting my father. I have been here two weeks. After the holidays I am going to travel and give authors' readings. No, I do not think of divorcing my husband. I want to give him a chance."

When asked what she meant Mrs. Bogue refused to say. "I can't talk now," she pleaded. "No, I can't say that this is a trial separation. The statement attributed to my husband that the trouble is to my husband is ridiculous. I believe they said I complained of too much drink on his part. Nonsense! Our friends know what our difficulties are. Mr. Bogue and I separated last spring, early, and I went to the Catskill mountains for the summer."

2,000 GUESTS AT WEDDING.
The Bell-Bogue wedding was one of the very fashionable ones. There were 2,000 guests, and they included artists, society people, princes and nobles from foreign shores.

Arthur Bogue is the son of Hamilton B. Bogue of 4841 Madison avenue, a real estate man of much wealth. Mrs. Bogue said that if anything about their domestic troubles were made public it would have to be told by her husband.

CLABBY AND SMITH IN A 20-ROUND DRAW

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 9.—"Jimmy" Clabby of Milwaukee, middleweight boxing champion of Australia, and Dave Smith, formerly middleweight champion of Australia, today fought a 20 round draw.

4 AMERICANS IN MASSACRE

Foreigners Are Killed in Rebellion in Shensi Province.

8,000 MANCHUS SLAIN

Yuan Shi Kai, Unable to Pay Soldiers, Must Accept Demands of Rebels.

Peking, Dec. 9.—Eight foreigners, half of them Americans, were killed in Shensi, several mission houses were destroyed and 8,000 Manchus were slain by Chinese, according to the first direct and uncensored news received from Sianfu since the recent outbreak there. The news was received in letters to the British and American legations and the director of posts brought here yesterday by messenger.

According to the letters foreigners in the province of Shensi, of which Sianfu is the capital, numbered 75, including 17 Americans. A majority of these have reached Sianfu, but others fled to the province of Kansu, where trouble is expected.

"We apparently are safe," says one of the letters, "but the lawless are in the majority. We had hoped to escape down the Han river, but the road is dangerous. The Kansu missionaries may have a hard time. Twenty-two of them, including children, are Americans. Money cannot be sent them, as all the mails have been stopped and the banks here robbed and burned."

This letter is signed by V. J. Plymire of the Christian and Missionary Alliance at Taohow, province of Kansu. It is dated Nov. 26.

CONSIDER TERMS BLUFF.
The terms which the imperial delegates will take to Shanghai or Nanking in an endeavor to settle the questions in dispute between the government and the revolutionists are believed to provide, first, that the emperor shall be retained, though he will be entirely without power; second, that a president and cabinet shall be elected by the nation and the president shall possess the same authority as the president of a republic, and third, if the foregoing conditions are accepted, the government will grant provisional autonomy.

These terms are considered largely a bluff. Yuan-Shi-Kai still controls a substantial army, but is unable to pay the soldiers and must accept the republican demands. Therefore, he offers autonomy, which the provinces already have assumed.

Cooperstown, N. D., Dec. 9.—Wilhelm Watne, who was graduated from Cooperstown high school two years ago and went to China 15 months ago as a teacher under the direction of a Lutheran missionary, was killed in the recent massacres by Chinese rebels, according to telegraphic advices received by his parents here. Watne was 22 years old.

WAR WITH SPAIN FOUND JUST ONE

Maine's Magazines Discharged by Exterior Blast, Experts Report.

SAMPSON IS SUSTAINED

Facsimile of the Wrecked Vessel May Be Taken to the White House.

Washington, Dec. 9.—"The board finds that the injuries to the bottom of the Maine was caused by the explosion of a low form of explosive exterior to the ship between frames 28 and 31, strake B, port side. This resulted in igniting and exploding the contents of the pinch reserve magazine A-14-M, said contents including a large quantity of black powder. The more or less complete explosion of the contents of the remaining forward magazine followed. The magazine explosion resulted in the destruction of the vessel."

This report, settling officially and for all time the question as to how the Maine was blown up in Havana harbor in February, 1898, was made yesterday by the joint army and navy board appointed by the secretary of the navy and dispatched to the scene of the explosion to determine the real facts.

Admiral Vreeland, chairman of the board, who has just returned from Havana, called on President Taft with Secretary of the Navy Meyer. He brought with him the full report of the board.

Admiral Vreeland explained to the president just how, according to the findings of the board, the explosion took place. Later in the day the secretary gave out the foregoing statement.

SAMPSON BOARD SUSTAINED.

A rent 20 feet wide and extending for 85 feet athwartship on the bottom of the vessel was discovered about 100 feet from the bow. The fact that the frames were still in position, though much bent and twisted, convinced the members of the board that a low form of explosive was used in bringing about the destruction of the vessel. Had a high explosive been employed, there would have been nothing left as evidence of how the explosion occurred.

The report sustains the findings of the Sampson board, which was appointed shortly after the Maine was blown up. The Sampson board located the exterior force which had been applied to the battleship at about frame 18 on the port side. The cofferdam which was built about the vessel to locate the present board to pursue its investigations made it possible to locate the explosion more exactly.

The board brought with it from Havana a model of the ruined battleship as it stands today.

The model, which is about 12 feet long, shows the ship practically sundered between frames 24 and 31. This model and another showing the forward part of the vessel as it existed before the explosion have been used in demonstration of the explosion.

MAGAZINE'S WRECK COMPLETE.

Last night Secretary Meyer called before him Admiral Vreeland and Rear Admiral Watts, chief naval constructor, and also a member of the board. These two officials, by means of the models, explained the explosion to the secretary and to Admirals Cane and Wainwright, Read Admiral Porter, Commander Philip Andrews and all the high officials of the department.

The report of the board states that the explosion which caused the destruction of the vessel came from the outside, and that a low and not a high form of explosive was used in whatever engine of destruction was employed.

The terrific force which brought about the complete demolition of the ship, piling up great masses of wreckage on either side and wrenching asunder like so much sheet iron the massive plates and frames that composed the battleship, proceeded from the Maine's own magazines, which were exploded by the force that came from the initial explosion under the vessel's bottom.

Illinois Daughter Passes.

Elgin, Ill., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Fannie Barton, one of the few real "Daughters of the American Revolution" living in northern Illinois, is dead at her residence here. She was 91 years old. Mrs. Barton was born in Lacada, Canada, on Feb. 19, 1820. Her father, Alexander Beau fought during the greater part of the revolution. Mrs. Barton had lived in Elgin since 1856.

WETS ARE TO MAKE DES MOINES FIGHT

Des Moines, Dec. 9.—Rumors that an effort is to be made to circulate a new petition of consent for the saloons of Des Moines were given credence yesterday by both sides. The plan of the liquor interests is to take advantage of the mult law and circulate a new petition next spring before the expiration of the time limit for reiteration. It is believed the liquor interests will have no trouble in securing a majority of signatures of voters and the burden of contesting the petition will fall upon the temperance workers.

GIVE UP HOPE OF BRINGING OUT SECRETS

McNamaras Steadfastly Cling to Purpose to Remain Silent.

ARE NOT TO BE CALLED

Will Be Removed to San Quentin Prison Either Today or Tomorrow.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 9.—The futility of asking the McNamaras to testify now, in view of their emphatic declaration that they need not and would not divulge before the federal grand jury what they knew of an alleged nation-wide conspiracy, is said to have resulted in a plan to take the McNamaras to San Quentin penitentiary today or tomorrow.

REPORT ON DEFENSE FUND.

Indianapolis, Dec. 9.—Hoping to curb criticism of methods used in obtaining and distributing the McNamara defense fund, a report of all money collected and disbursed up to date, Oct. 25, was made public here last night, with the consent of Frank A. Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, who is custodian of the fund.

The total amount received up to that date was \$194,612.53, and the total expenditures were \$184,850.93. No accounting is made of the sums received and spent since that time.

Clarence Darrow, chief of counsel for the defense of the McNamaras, had been paid the sum of \$170,000. It is stated that Darrow was to pay his assistants from this amount. In this connection local international union officials stated that it is understood that Darrow will not continue his office in Chicago.

\$11,000 FOR ATTORNEYS.

Local attorneys, who have been looking after the Indianapolis end of the case, have been paid \$11,000. Leo M. Nappaport has received, according to the report, \$8,500 and Henry Seyfried \$2,500.

Frank L. Mullholland, an attorney of Toledo, Ohio, was paid \$259.10 for legal services given in that city.

Other items of expense are listed as follows: McNamara buttons, which were sold in all parts of the country, \$1,120; McNamara stamps, \$108.98; representatives' expenses for addressing meetings, \$591; printing and mailing American Federation of Labor weekly news letter, \$1,113.15; postage, \$380, and incidentals in connection with McNamara moving picture films, \$250.

RYAN DENIES FRICTION.

"There is not a word of truth in reports of friction between Samuel Gompers or other officials of the American Federation of Labor and myself," said Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, who arrived in this city yesterday from Washington.

"Did you, as president, know anything of the details of the expenditure by John J. McNamara, as secretary, of a fund of \$1,000 a month appropriated for organizing purposes and for which no account was made?" he was asked.

"That is a matter that will take care of itself."

United States Attorney Charles W. Miller, who has been preparing evidence to be submitted to the federal grand jury in connection with an alleged conspiracy for the transportation of dynamite, departed secretly Thursday night for Washington.

JURY HEARS DETECTIVES.

A deputy United States marshal yesterday guarded the door of the room in the federal building in which evidence is being completed for the grand jury's investigation. Several detectives in the employ of the National Erectors' association were busy in the room.

DR. W. D. AGNEW ELECTED HEAD HEDDING COLLEGE

Abingdon, Ill., Dec. 9.—Dr. Walter D. Agnew, D. D., of Chattanooga, Tenn., was inaugurated as president of Heddington college here yesterday morning by Rev. Joseph Bell, D. D., president of the board of trustees. Yesterday afternoon the joint educational commission of the Illinois and central Illinois conferences of the Methodist Episcopal church met and discussed ways and means to raise the \$1,500,000 fund for endowment of Methodist educational institutions in Illinois.

Public Service Concerns Merged.
Keokuk, Iowa, Dec. 9.—Public service corporations controlling the gas, street lighting and street railways of Keokuk have been merged into one company under the name of the Keokuk Electric company, with a capital stock of \$850,000.